#### A FEATHERED RACER.

BILL NYE DESCRIBES THE AGILE AND GRACEFUL OSTRICH.

A Bide on the Pamons Paris Bird Tont de Suite-Some Incidents of Ostrich Life-The Bird Viewed from All Points. Penalties of Robbing a Mamma Bird.

[Copyright by Edgar W. Nye.] William H. Root, late Duke of Coun cil Bluffs and prefect of police at Lara-mie city, in the state of Wyoming, has secured, and is now training for the track on a southern Wyoming ranch, five bright, intelligent and highly elastic ostriches. Mr. Root contemplates taking these birds next season to the larger eastern cities and racing them publicly. charging an admission price, of course, and has already written to Mr. Erastus Wiman regarding the use of the Wild West grounds at Erastina, on Staten Island, for this purpose,

Those who have had the pleasure of riding on the back of the agile and graceful ostrich "tout de suite" (French for "immediately") at the Jardin Ma-



RIDING TOUT DE SUITE IN PARIS. bille-or possibly I am mistaken in this; it may be the Jardin des Pie Plantswill remember that Immediately is a good roadster.

A good horse has no business with an While a horse is considering where he will put his hind feet, so as not to cork bimself, the ostrich with a whole arm movement steps off at the rate of eighteen feet per step with no danger to her extra limbs. The ostrich also has her limbs reasonably far apart, and therefore does not interfere.

Abou Ben Pangborn, of Watermelon township, Cougo county, had a young filly estrich which wanted to sit in the summer of 79, and he did not wish to have her do so, as he had sold the setting of eggs to a Sabbath school for Easter. So he tied her by the hind leg at the kraal of a neighbor, 284 miles away. The chain was attached to her limb just below the calf of the limb, the other end being fastened to the root of a bamburrowallispus tree which grew near the

When the desire to sit comes over the female estrich she cannot overcome it any more than a walking delegate can. She yields to it and becomes its willing slave. You can play on her with a fire department or tie a red rag to her overskirt, but you cannot quench her desire to occupy a sedentary position.

That was the way with this young flushed him. self. thing. Her name was Patience. She had already sat several weeks on a pineapple cheese, and, aside from giving it a rich home flavor, she could not detect any progress toward hatching out a wholesale grocery store.

So one day a great longing to get back to her own nest 284 miles away came over her. She lost control of herself. Her mother nature asserted itself in a brief einculation such as the female ostrich makes when suddenly confronted by a great mental problem. In her mind's eve she saw those Sabbath school children blowing the interior out of her large and juncy handiwork, and then decorating the exterior with lilies, etc., etc., and tying ribbons to them, and Patience arose and girded up her loins and gave a great kick that busted the perphirey of the kraal and tore down the bamburrowallispus tree, and with the chain and a prong of the tree root, together weighing thirty-seven pounds, she trotted across to her home, by actual computation, in sixteen minutes and twenty-two seconds, though Abou Ben Pangborn made it a studying the ostrich "overgrown little short of that with his new stop sand glass. Patience thus made a rec ord of at least a mile in thirty-three seconds, carrying thirty-seven pounds attached to the calf of her limb.

Mr. Root says that he can reduce this record greatly, and has done so already in several instances. He has five birds now in hand, named and described as follows:

Timbuctoo, a large ashes of roses bird, over ten feet high, who paces without urging at thirty-seven on an empty stomach. Give him a little hot lunch out of the cellar of a recently burned hardware store and he can make it in twenty-nine, so Mr. Root says. Timbuetoo has a powerful digestion and a tapeworm which coaxes ship chandlery and railroad rolling stock. It will pay to get your tips from Timbuctoo.

Overgrown Williams is a large, soiled white gelding, with no record as yet, though he has taken no dust from any other bird in the United States, barring those on Mr. Root's ranch. He is young yet and awkward. He also shies some, and when he does so is apt to step out from under his rider, leaving him in a comatose state. He weighs 287 pounds. and hopes to do even better than that as he fills out by another spring.

T. De Witt Talmage is a pearl gray tickle Satan almost to death.

and Mr. Root would rather not have till the officer arrived.

short two hired men this summer on that account. They are both buried ir the same grave. An unknown bird fancier who came to see the ranch in May approached too close to the aviary, and Lily, who was at that time sitting on a tin sprinkler and endeavoring, by putting her mind on it, to hatch out a spring freshet, arose and kicked off the gentleman's silk hat.

Also his head.

return in less than nineteen minutes. fell harmless.

favorites, and naturally much money past.

nest for the young to eat as soon as they man of her choice. worthy of a mother who is a corporal in why not in this? the Salvation Army she turns them over | The proposition that women may and to an all wise providence to hatch out. do take the matrimonial initiative seems while she goes forth seeking out other to be a favorite one with the clerical people's children in order that she may brethren, for I noticed that at the recent reform them.

know what was right and what was Or is this a frequent experience? To scooped out watermelon.

stead of flushing the bird he gets a little



WILDIAMS.

Feather dusters are mostly the handiwork of the Naudu or Americanostrick. At the Cape Colony many ostriches are domesticated for their plumes, eggs, oil and rarely their fish, which is a little gamey, but not balf bad,

Cases of croup in Africa have been estrich, frying the oil out of it while yet warm and applying it to the exterior

and interior of the child. The estrich is gregarious, emniverous, polygamous and endogenous. It gives a great deal of time to the pleasing occupation of digestion. The parent bird does not hunt food for her young at all, but leaves them to hustle for themselves, as Aristotle has it. The mother provides them at their birth with but one worm

apiece, and that is all. It is a tape worm.

She Was a Woman of Nerve.

"Put those things back into the drawer," said Mrs. Harer, of Columbus, estrich of rather slender build, who has | O., to the burglar who was rifling her always lad an upright life, or at least, if cupboard of its silver knives and forks. not, he has never allowed anybody to The burglar obeyed, and the reason why get on to it, as Mr. Root says. De Witt he did was that Mrs. Harer held a remakes good time and acts as his own volver to his head. She had heard a The Duka of Council Bluffs says noise in her kitchen, and prudently this bird is the shrewdest one he has ever snatched up the revolver on her way seen. He can throw a race with won- down stairs to investigate. "Now turn derful ease, and in a style that would your pockets inside out," said she. By this time the fellow made up his mind Lily Dalo is a large black estrich from that he was not going to be scared by a the Sondan. She is twenty-seven hands weman. He made a break for the door. high and easily sats out of a second story "Stop, or I'll shoot," ordered Mrs. Harer window. See is not particular whose in a military tone of voice. Life is window it is, eyether. Lily is a broad sweet, even to a burglar. He stopped. shouldered bettnette and has a record. A neighbor ran for a policeman, and but it is not a very good one. It was Mrs. Harer stood guard over her prismade in Africa, before she came here, oner with the pistol pointed at his head

LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE DISCUSSES AN INTERESTING QUESTION.

Not in Favor of a General Reform in This Direction-There Are Times When the Great Question May Well Be Put by the Lips of the Lady.

[Copyright by American Press Association.] Many years ago Dr. Horace Bushnell, a distinguished divine of Hartford, Conn., Especially Oleson is a heavy set bird, published a book called "The Reform weighing a trifle over 300 pounds. He Against Nature," which was intended is very docile and eats out of one's hand, forever to annihilate the demand for sometimes returning the hand when he woman suffrage, then just assuming imgets through with it. He has very beau-portant proportions. The learned author tiful corn colored plumes and does not thought that his fulminations from his sing while mouiting. Especially Oleson study chair would bring consternation and Lily Dale will be driven by a small into what his Puritan predecessor, the colored lad. Mr. Root says they will be Rev. John Knox, called "the monstrous harnessed to a two wheeled vehicle regiment of women." But as the eloweighing thirty-seven and a half pounds, quent gentleman's premises were false the darky weighing sixty pounds, and his reasoning could not fail of being will make four miles straightway and fallacious, and therefore his diatribes

The novelty of these races will easily He assumed, as all the opponents of advertise them and the expense will be our cause have done, that the enfransmall. Local cutertainment bureaus chisement of women would lead to the are requested to communicate with Mr. neglect and perhaps the disappearance Root, who will give rates of percentage of the home and the children, not havon which he will play. A good mile ing breadth of vision to see that emancitrack, properly inclosed, will be all that pated women would inevitably make is necessary when he goes on the road. better wives, mothers and housekeepers Different colored ribbons will mark the than the dull and silly drudges of the

However, although the scholarly doc-The study of the ostrich is filled with tors did not think that women should be interest to the thinking mind. Minds given a college education, and viewed not used for thinking purposes, however, their entrance into business and the prowill find little to interest them in the fessions with horror, he spent much ostrich. One odd feature about this elaboration of argument in support of bird is the custom common to the female the idea that the maiden ought to have of laying several extra eggs outside the the right of proposing marriage to the

are hatched. This is only true, how- | Apparently if there ever was a reform ever, of the birds who inhabit Syria, against nature this was one, for in all Palestine and Egypt, as they are not animal life down to the humblest insect strictly tropical. In the tropical lati- existence it is the male who is the seeker tudes, of course, the ostrich does not sit and the wooer. Still, as we have adon her eggs, but deposits them in a sand vanced upon these lower forms in cuspile, and with a degree of indolent faith toms and usages in a hundred directions

session of the Presbyterian general as-Little boys should never rob the nests sembly one of the distinguished divines of these birds unless they are in readiness declared it to be a fact that women were to face an infuriated God. Once there constantly "proposing to men with their was a little boy living about eighteen eyes." Can it be that a young minister miles southwest of Timbuctoo whose requires more help in asking the imporname was Gooleo Goolison. He did not tant question than a layman?

wrong. He had a little rudimentary con- hear married men talk one would fancy science, but it did not amoy him at all. that Dr. Bushnell's theories were largely A little gospel had entered the family accepted, since the standing matrimoyears ago, but Gooloo was too young to mial joke in many families is, get much of it, as he had to eat at the as we all know, the assertion second table, and there was very little on the part of the husband that his left after the old folks got through. So wife offered herself to him. One ven-Gooloo did not know that it was wrong erable judge who has been three times to rob an estrich nest and substitute a married always declares that each lady asked for his hand, and adds that he should never have been married had they \* \* \* not done so.

But on this momentous question as on Whither he has went people know al- all others a little common sense goes a most everything. Especially they know great way. If a woman is wealthy, and that to fool the mamma bird with a the advantages from a worldly point of warm watermelon rind is no way to live. view are all on her side, there can be no The ostrich is not a brainy bird. Even question as to the propriety of her givn Arabia, where knowledge instead of ing the favorite suitor every indication being a power is generally regarded as a of her preference even to the point of an calamity, the natives, when they want avowal.

to say a biting thing of some peculiarly Among queens this is of course the gifted ass, say he is "as stupid as an recognized form of procedure. When Victoria was a pretty young maiden it A bird dog is of little use in hunting was well understood that she was to desthe estrich, for in many instances in ignate her choice among the various princelets who came to seek her hand. The tall and handsome Albert of Saxe-Coburg Gotha won her favor at their thereafter when at a ball at the palace she gave him a rose. No doubt she accompanied the act with some words of encouragement, for the gallant German pressed his wooing with ardor, and was soon comfortably settled as prince con-

A great heiress, like a queen, not only may, but often should, propose marriage, as only in that way can she secure her life's happiness. The very man who would best suit her because of his qualiof a nature which will revolt against the accusation of having made a mercenary match. Her wealth may repel him no matter how much her person may at- where their costuming is alike attractive tract, and it will be absolutely necessary and simple, for her to make "a bold stroke for a hus-

Here, for instance, is the romance of a immense wealth. She had many suitors for her hand, most of whom she suspected of the most sordid motives in their attentions. There was one young man whom she had known fer years, a distant cousin, of excellent qualities, to whom she was tenderly attached, but although she divined, as she hoped, that he regarded her with a kindred feeling, he remained obstinately silent, only his almost instantly relieved by catching an sad eyes sometimes telling his secret. The time was becoming critical; she was about to go to Europe for an absence of some months, and she feared that a persistent but particularly obnoxious suitor was intending to sail on the same steamer, when her cousin came to see her one day, bringing a dainty traveling case as a parting gift. At first she admired the pretty finish, then suddenly her face changed and clouded.

'It is very heavy," she said. "Heavy!" he exclaimed in astonishment; "ch. no. Why you have not lifted it," he added. "Try it."

"No," she said, capriciously, "I don't need to; I am sure it is heavy. I can never carry it myself."

He looked sad and hurt. "I had hoped you would take it," he fultered. "It might remind you of me sometimes when you are far away"— His voice

She was at his side in a moment "Why should you be far away?" she whispered. "Why should you not go with me and carry it for me?" Then he understood.

There are other cases in which it is enits allowable for a voung woman to indicate her preference, as when there is great disparity of age. An elderly man may naturally feel that he could not hope to win the love of a young girl. The incidents of the courtship which led | compact little ridge, after the manner of to the present marriage of M. de Lesseps are widely known. He was well advanced in the sixtles when he met his wife, then a beautiful young woman in the early twenties. It was at a country ouse. She had long admired the great engineer for his achievements, and when she saw him his grace and distinction at once captivated her heart. But how tivity, therefore they are discarded here.

anything said about it. She is very cross while sitting, and Mr. Root is SHALL WOMEN PROPOSE? | was evidently attracted by her beauty, cross while sitting, and Mr. Root is

any serious interest. One morning they chanced to meet in a garden whither she had gone to gather some roses. For a moment they were alone, and he made some joking remark about her admirers asking which was the favorite. Would she indicate her preference by the bestowal of a rose? In a moment she had placed the whole fra grant burden in his hands, at the same time faltering something that told the secret of her heart.

There are bashful men, often very honest fellows and deserving a good wife, who yet lack the conrage to make a pro posal, and to such timid suitors a maiden may with propriety give aid and com-The story of John Alden's courtship is one of the most charming of those which record how a woman has taken the initiative. The young pioneer was as diffident as he was handsome, and never was a girl better justified than was the fair Priscilla when she silenced his pleading in behalf of stout Capt. Miles Standish by the famous question Why don't you speak for yourself,

Not only is it properly the right and even the duty of a loving maiden to help out her wooer when the worldly advantages are all on her side or he is too bashful to disclose his passion, but there is some excuse to be offered for the girl who assumes that he who offers a kiss intends thereby to offer his hand.

Too many men wander through the world stealing from innocent young creatures a little of the freshness of their lives, seeking only the amusement of the moment, careless how much suffering they may inflict. A kiss should be the sacred symbol of betrothal, and it is no more than proper to assume that it is so intended

Some years ago a gay man of the world vas riding on horseback beside a lively Washington belle. By some means they became separated from the rest of the party. They were alone in a wooded road, the twilight was falling, their horses were walking slowly, very near together. Yielding to the charm of the moment, and attracted by the beauty of the face that was dangerously close to his own, the gentleman slipped his arm around the lady's slender waist and their lips met. After a moment of pretty embarrassment she released herself from his embrace and said gently: "You will see mamma in the morn-

He was fairly caught, for she was of a social position that protected her, but had she been of less rank the assumption

might justly have been the same. No man of nice honor ought to offer an endearment to a pure maiden without honest intentions of marriage. In thousands of cases men have been punished for their carelessness in these matters. Many a man has lived in uncongenial and wretched marriage with

a woman he would never have chosen. because having been weak enough to form habits of familiarity with her, he had become entangled in an engagement he could not break. In conclusion, while by no means ad-

vising the general adoption of Dr. Bushnell's theory, it is safe to admit that it is largely true that the men who are most worth having need sometimes generous encouragement from the woman they would wed. A true lover is always doubtful of his attractions, the very power of his passion makes him diffident and many a woman who would have made a noble wife and mother has remained unwedded because she shrank from granting the encouragement that an excellent man needed. A good girl who knows herself beloved need not be too chary of giving some indication of her own feelings. In all womanliness and delicacy this may be graciously and gracefully done.

Lillie Drower Blake CHILDREN'S FASHIONS IN PARIS.

How Little French People Dress in the City and at the Sea Shore. It seems to the observer that chil-

dren's fashions can hardly be improved upon this season. They are sensibly plain, afford the freest movement, and are of material not easily soiled. They ties of head and heart will probably be are easily made up if laundrying is necessary. Children now fill the Paris parks, large and small, and swarm over the sands in the watering places, and every-

The little virls wear blue and white serge combination suits, the skirt of white, with bands of castle braid in blue lovely simple hearted girl, the heiress of in graduated widths, and invariably



IN THE PARE. kilted. The sailor blouse is made of blue serge or flannel, and trimmed by having white collar and vest front with graduated braid, and the hats have panaches of blue and white striped ribbon. Altogether a useful style, which with the exception of the hat, is made

the same for boys and girls. Larger girls wear dainty little colored chambray or gingham dresses garnished with self-colored Hamburg embroidery. with no other trimming except a sash without ends, and maybe a postiche bow or so on the shoulders.

One of the innovations is for children to wear short socks, or stockings which are black or dark brown on the lower part and firsh color above. This gives an appearance of coolness greatly to be desired. Many of the children, even little girls of S, wear their stockings half high, the rest of them being rolled in a

Boys of 6 to 12 wear a sort of modified Fauntleroy sait, with knee breeches, tied with bows and short ends of velvet ribbon, and a sailor blouse waist with velvet trimmings, and a velvet such tied in loops without ends. The long sash ends interfere greatly with a boy's acwas she to make him realize this? He | Blouse suits are worn by boys of all ages, from those in suits to those of 10. Blue and snuff brown are the favorite colors for ordinary wear, but there is a new gray which is very much liked for full dress. This gray has a kind of an ashen surface, which is very soft and contrasts well with the velvet with which it is always trimmed in the matter of collars, revers and cuffs and frequently postiche pockets,



AT A WATERING PLACE. Nurses have their fashions, too, and this season it is to have wide bows of poppy red ribbon, and long ends, to their caps, and their aprons have little red bows on the pockets. It is a mark of quality for a family to have a pretty and exquisitely neat, not to say coquettish looking bonne. The dress is invariably black.

Long hair flowing loose is almost universal for children of all ages, and few boys under the age of 12 wear their hair cropped, a fashion which renders the Parisian children the pretty creatures that they are.

Dress of Turkish Women. Turkish women, unless they are going out, do not trouble about dressing up. Their negligee is very negligent; the hair is loose or carelessly braided. They are barefoot if the weather is warm, if not they wear woolen knit socks; the loose trousers, a crepe chemise with long loose sleeves and a little jacket forming the house costume. When they dress for receiving visits or for the evening visit of the husband they add a shalva or long skirt whose breadths, four of them, are not sewn. Two are left to train in the back and the other two are usually drawn down between the legs or slightly twisted and left to train in the back also. The effect is very graceful. If the weather is cold they wear a fur lined sacque in the hou called goonah, and heelless slippers.

Power of Imagination. Mrs. Brown-I don't see how you could pay your good money for such a bottle of ink as you brought home today. It hardly

holds anything. Brown-I guess you won't think so when you go in the parlor. I broke the bottle on the carpet.—Drake's Magazine.



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